

City Council Hears Old School Interests

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MIDWAY—After the public meeting was held, there was still a feeling among many that the problem had been addressed, but not resolved.

Midway's Old School house received considerable damage, and the people of Midway are now torn as to the destiny of the school. Many of the proponents would like to tear the school down, but the opposition says, keep the school building, using new techniques to restore and "rehabilitate" it into a working condition again.

Stephanie Churchhill of the Utah Heritage Society, brought before the city councilmen a letter of intent by a construction company in Salt Lake, which specializes in the restoring of old

buildings. The letter said that the City Council should if at all possible, consider saving the schoolhouse, and asked that the firm be given a chance to study the alternatives other than destruction.

It was also brought out by Ms. Churchhill that there exist numerous grants, loans, and alternatives to help finance such a restoration process.

In a letter read by Ms. Churchhill, from a Alan Roberts, he suggested "It might be in the city's interest to discuss a 90 day moratorium, for further study."

Mayor Eugene Probst then stood and asked Wasatch County and Midway City Building Inspector Clyde Broadbent, to stand and give a small valuation of what it

would take to bring the building up to present standards.

Broadbent listed over 16 things which he felt would have to be done to get the building back to standards.

"I'm not a contractor but I guess it would cost between 150,000 and up," Broadbent said. He then said that he felt there would be nothing on the inside which would be salvageable.

Mayor Probst then stood and said that there had been two contractors, asked by the Mayor, to give an estimate of what the repairs alone would be.

The two contractors guessed \$52,000 for the roof, and \$50,515 for all electrical heating.

"We're over \$120,000 already with nothing on the inside. No

insulation. You'd be looking at \$1,100 a month heating bill."

Mayor Probst said that he felt there would be no possible way to get a grant. The city had tried for several years to get a grant, and none have been made available. The only way to pay for further upkeep, and renovations would be to issue a general obligation bond on the people of Midway.

"The building as it now stands is unsafe," said Bob Mathis, as a concerned citizen. "The city council needs to make a decision."

"I'm concerned about the youth," said Ray Gertsch. "Make this a true historical place so that it can be used for years and years, so it won't deteriorate."

Karl North stood and said, "As a taxpayer, I'd like to see it taken down."

Mayor Probst stood and explained to the citizens gathered, that an alternative to renovation would be the construction of a new building. He stated that Heber Light and Power crews have already donated some time to help such a project along. That the monies from the insurance could also help.

Dr. William Ferguson, questioned exactly how much money would be returned by the insurance on the building. The Mayor stated that he had not received a definite amount.

Dr. Kitty Ferguson said "I don't think enough time has been spent on this (the building)."

Midway City Councilmen were asked for their opinions. Billie Mair said "I think if this building

Building in Wasatch County

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a two part series which studies the construction of new homes in the county. This portion deals with amounts of monies which have been issued out.

HEBER CITY—According to the building inspectors office, and

plenty of inquiries, and there are a number of ways to finance a home. He stated that there are some mortgage companies which will offer great deals, only to have the payments jump a year, or five years time. He suggests that those who are seeking home loans, talk

any kind. They provide both single parents, divorced, and individuals with loans for homes.

Since October of 1983, the administration has issued a total of 8 new construction loans, one purchased an existing home, and 3 transfers of assumption loans. The

